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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1017

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KEREKOU'S VISIT TO LIBYA, ALGDRIA, AND GUINEA

REF: CONAKRY 1023

1. PRESIDENT KEREKOU RETURNED TO COTONOU JUNE 14 AFTER UNANNOUNCED FOUR-DAY JOURNEY WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO LIBYA, ALGERIA, AND GUINEA. UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT KEREKOU SAID THAT HE HAD VISITED LIBYA IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSING OF WHEELUS AIR FORCE BASE. THE OCCASION, HE SAID, GAVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE TRUTH ABOUT BENIN'S REVOLUTION TO OTHER REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS. WHEN ASKED BY REPORTERS WHETHER HE HAD TAKEN UP QUESTION OF SHIFT OF SITE OF OAU SUMMIT, KEREKOU REPLIED THAT ALL OAU LEADERS WERE AWARE OF BENIN'S POSITION. HE CLAIMED THAT QADHAFI SYMPATHIZED WITH BENIN'S CONDEMNATION OF GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO. ACCORDING

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TO KEREKOU, QADHAFI FELT THAT BONGO WAS AN UNFAITHFUL MUSLIM WHO WAS UNWORTHY OF THE KORAN WHICH QADHAFI HAD RKESENTED TO HIM. QADHAFI APPARENTLY MADE SOME MENTION OF TRYING TO GET BACK HIS GIFT.

2. ELABORATING ON HIS PREVIOUS CONDEMNATION OF "THE PHONY HADJII, IMPERIALIST PUPPET" PRESIDENT BONGO, KEREKOU SAID THAT

GABON WAS UNWORTHY OF HOSTING SUCH AN IMPORTANT GATHERING AND
THAT BENIN WOULD NOT DEIGN TO SEND EVEN AN ORDERLY (PLANTON)
TO THE LIBREVILLE MEETING.

3. ALTHOUGH KEREKOU DID NOT MENTION HIS VISITS TO ALGERIA OR
GUINEA, JUNE 15 EDITION OF SEMI-OFFICIAL EHUZU CARRIED
PHOTOGRAPHIS OF KEREKOU WITH BOUMEDIENE AND SEKOU TOURE.
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